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A CONFIGURABLE NETWORK ROUTER

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(6) for recognition of Applicant's claim for the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of a prior-filed provisional application.

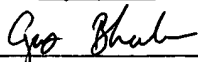
The present application was filed on November 15, 2000, within 12 months after the January 4, 2000 filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/174,323 (the provisional application). The present application claims the benefit of the provisional application. However, a reference to the provisional application was unintentionally not included in the present application.

A reference to the provisional application is included in the present application, as set forth in the amendments in the accompanying Response to Office Action. Applicant's undersigned representative authorizes that the required fee of \$1370.00 be charged to Deposit

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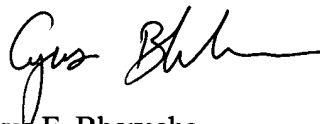
Account No. 502306. The entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due and the date of the accompanying amendment was unintentional.

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